MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether that man has been assessed to income tax?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes; I think he pays income-tax on the amount that is paid to him.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether it is under an agreement that he offered his services?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): He comes here, by request of Government.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether it is under any agreement or not?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not know.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the Vanchiyoor valley or *ela* is within the scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not that I am aware of.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether it was not proposed last year that that would also be taken up?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have not seen any plan regarding that at the present time.

Trivandrum Town-Planning.

181 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Trivandrum Town-Planning Work was started or begun;

(*b*) when it would be over;

(*c*) whether it is for beautifying the town alone, or improving the means of communication, sanitation, public health and extending the habitable area of the town that the scheme is proposed and worked out; and

(*d*) what would be the approximate amount required to carry out the whole scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) In Kanni 1109.

(*b*) This cannot be definitely stated now.

(*c*) For all the purposes stated by the member.

(*d*) Probably Rs. 30 lakhs.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know what is the idea of Government as to the way in which the roads are to be completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The surface of the road is to be treated with tar.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government could see that the surface of the road if treated with silver would be better than if treated with tar?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, the Chief Engineer has never heard of roads treated with silver.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know which would be cheaper, treatment with tar or treatment with silver?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a question of opinion.

PRESIDENT: Why not you suggest gold?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many lanes and by-lanes and incomplete roads there are in the Trivandrum town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether, by improving the lanes, by-lanes and incomplete roads the means of communication, sanitation as well as public health of the habitable areas could not be improved?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Sanitation would be improved.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the Government have taken up that work as yet?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not yet.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason why that work has not yet been taken up?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Lack of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the funds allotted for town-planning be not diverted for that purpose in the interest of public health?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The interest of public health will be more improved if the main road is improved rather than the by-lanes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that all round the lanes and by-lanes in Trivandrum town there is congestion of habitation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): There is a lot of houses near the by-lanes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government would look to the sanitation of those congested places?

PRESIDENT: Does the honourable member remember the fact that there is a Municipality in Trivandrum. Is the member aware of that?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I am speaking with regard to road construction.

PRESIDENT: Sanitation is the point that has been raised. The work is to be done by the Municipality.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the answer it is given that the purpose is for improving the means of communication, sanitation, public health and extending the habitable area of the town. I did not want to repeat them. So I put the question in a short form.

PRESIDENT: The member should realise that sanitation is the work of the Municipality.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Do the Government hope to recoup any portion of the amount, by resale of unnecessary bits of the land acquired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): What would be the net cost of the scheme, making allowance for the amount that the Government hope to recoup?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot anticipate what, ultimately, we may have to spend on the acquisition of the lands, and what actually we may get by reselling the unwanted portions of the lands acquired.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Has there been no estimate with regard to those two items?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have not the land acquisition charges been included in the estimate for the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): But, we cannot be sure as to how much we may eventually have to pay for the lands, nor as to what they would fetch at the re-sale.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is it not usual—

PRESIDENT: You have exhausted your turn.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): I beg your pardon, Sir.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Is it a fact that the Thampanoor Valley Scheme has been postponed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

Trivandrum Town-Planning Scheme.

182 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what would be the total cost for the completion of the Trivandrum Town-Planning Scheme;

(*b*) how the Government are going to meet the expenditure;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to give the whole work to any individual or firm outside Travancore, to be executed on contract system; and

(*d*) whether any individual or firm outside Travancore has applied to undertake the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Probably Rs. 30 lakhs.

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